IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

QIANG WEI,	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:12-CV-00872-RCL
	§	
SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE,	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	

DEFENDANT SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S MOTION IN LIMINE

COMES NOW Defendant Southwest Research Institute ("SwRI" or "Defendant"), before the voir dire examination of the jury panel, before the opening statements by counsel, and before the introduction of any evidence, respectfully files this its Motion in Limine requesting the following:

I. INTRODUCTION

Before the voir dire examination of the jury panel, and out of the presence and hearing of the jury panel, SwRI makes this motion in limine. SwRI seeks to exclude matters that are inadmissible, irrelevant, or prejudicial in this case. If Plaintiff Qiang Wei ("Wei" or "Plaintiff") injects these matters into the trial of this case through a party, an attorney, or a witness, it will cause irreparable harm to SwRI case, which no jury instruction could cure. If any of the matters are brought to the attention of the jury, directly or indirectly, SwRI will be compelled to move for a mistrial. In an effort to avoid prejudice and a mistrial, SwRI urges this Motion in Limine.

SwRI asks the Court to instruct Plaintiff and all attorneys not to mention, refer to, interrogate about, or attempt to convey to the jury in any manner, either directly or indirectly, any of the matters listed below without first obtaining a ruling from the Court outside the

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presence and hearing of the jury and to instruct Plaintiff and attorneys to warn and caution each witness to follow the same instructions with respect to the items identified in this motion. SwRI reserves the right to amend this motion until voir dire or until any deadline for motions in limine set by the Court, whichever is later.

II. MOTION IN LIMINE

SwRI requests that the Court grant this motion in limine instructing Plaintiff and his attorneys and witnesses not to mention, refer to, interrogate about, or attempt to convey to the jury in any manner, either directly or indirectly, any of the following matters:

1.	Any mention, re	eference, testimony, o	or allusion to Sw.	RI maintaining an	"English
only" policy.	This issue is no	t before the Court ar	nd any such evid	lence is unfairly p	rejudicial
against SwRI	and is likely to co	onfuse the issues and i	mislead the jury.	FED. R. EVID. 402	2, 403
GRAN	NTED:	DENIED:	_AGREED:		
2.	Any mention, r	eference, testimony,	or allusion to a	ny complaints of	Wei not
alleged in Pla	aintiff's Original	Complaint and any a	mendments there	eto, in his deposition	on, in his
responses to	interrogatories, or	r not personally witn	essed or experie	nced by Plaintiff.	FED. R.
EVID. 401, 40	2,403.				
GRAN	NTED:	DENIED:	_AGREED:		
3.	Any allegations	of discriminatory	conduct and/or	unfair treatment	at SwRI
directed to anyone other than Wei. Any alleged discrimination/unfair treatment directed towards					
such individu	uals is not prob	ative of the issues	in this case, i	namely whether	Wei was
discriminated against based on his national origin. FED. R. EVID. 401, 403.					
GRAN	NTED:	DENIED:	_AGREED:		

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inadmissible character evidence, is wholly irrelevant, and would be greatly prejudicial to SwRI.

Any alleged prior bad acts of any witness other than Wei. Such evidence is

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FED. R. EVID. 402, 403, 40	04.	
GRANTED:	DENIED:	AGREED:
5. Any other	lawsuits, proceedings	s or claims of discrimination and/or retaliation of
any type (e.g., EEOC cha	arges, grievances, law	wsuits, complaints) against SwRI or any witness
other than those brought	by Wei. Lawsuits,	proceedings, or claims of discrimination and/or
retaliation made by other	er employees or per	rsons regarding other incidents or conduct are
irrelevant to whether SwI	RI discriminated again	nst Wei. See Wyvill v. United Cos. Life Ins. Co.
212 F.3d 296, 302 (5th	Cir. 2000) (finding	district court abused its discretion by allowing
anecdotal evidence from	other employees re	egarding discrimination because such evidence
created mini-trials and w	as not probative and	was prejudicial to defendant). Additionally, the
probative value of this e	vidence, if any, is su	ubstantially outweighed by the danger of unfair
prejudice, confusion of th	e issues, and mislead	ding the jury. FED. R. EVID. 403. Such evidence
would be introduced sole	ly for the purpose of	f attempting to inflame the jury and would likely
result in confusion of the	issues.	
GRANTED:	DENIED:	AGREED:
6. Any evider	nce of or reference to	the character or reputation or specific instances or
conduct of any other per	rson or party to this	suit except as to reputation for truthfulness of
untruthfulness. FED. R. E	VID. 405, 608(b).	
GRANTED:	DENIED:	AGREED:
7. Any evider	nce of or reference to	the effect that Wei or Wei's witnesses are honest
tell the truth, or any simi	ilar comment, unless	the character of the witness for truthfulness has

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been attacked by opinion or reputation evidence, or otherwise. The credibility of a witness is for				
the jury to decide. FED. R. EVID. 608(a).				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				
8. Any testimony for which the witness has no personal knowledge. Further, SwRI				
requests that Wei, his counsel, and his witnesses be required to establish a basis for personal				
knowledge other than hearsay, prior to eliciting any testimony. FED. R. EVID. 602, 802; Martin				
v. Kroger, 65 F. Supp. 2d 516, 547 (S.D. Tex. 1999), aff'd 224 F.3d 765 (5th Cir. 2000).				
GRANTED:AGREED:				
9. Any statements by Wei's counsel that concern his personal knowledge of Wei or				
of the facts made the basis of this lawsuit. Wei's counsel is not allowed to be a witness and any				
reference to any such facts would be improper. FED. R. EVID. 401, 403, 602.				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				
10. Any statements or comments that contain a misstatement of the law. The				
prejudicial value of such evidence substantially outweighs any probative value and such				
statements or comments would only serve to confuse the jury as to the law that the jury must				
apply. Fed. R. Evid. 403.				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				
11. Any testimony regarding the subjective belief of Wei that he was discriminated				
against, no matter how genuine that belief, because such subjective beliefs by Wei and others are				
not probative of discrimination. Provident Life & Acc. Ins. Co. v. Goel, 274 F.3d 984, 1000 n.79				
(5th Cir. 2001).				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				

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12. Any lay opinions regarding any manner of unlawful discrimination by SwRI or its
employees against Wei or anyone else, including testimony from a lay witness that a particular
act or omission (whether real or hypothetical) was discriminatory. FED. R. EVID. 701.
GRANTED:AGREED:
13. Any lay opinions regarding whether any particular act or omission (whether real
or hypothetical) by SwRI or its employees against Wei was malicious or committed with malice.
FED. R. EVID. 701.
GRANTED:AGREED:
14. Any lay opinions regarding whether any particular act or omission (whether real
or hypothetical) by SwRI or its employees against Wei would cause mental anguish or emotional
distress. Fed. R. Evid. 701.
GRANTED:AGREED:
15. Any evidence about any other persons treated more favorably than Wei unless
Wei has first established that such person is similarly situated to Plaintiff. Bryant v. Compass
Group USA, Inc., 413 F.3d 471, 478-79 (5th Cir. 2005); Okoye v. Univ. of Texas Houston Health
Sci. Ctr., 245 F.3d 507, 514 (5th Cir. 2001).
GRANTED:AGREED:
16. Any reference or statement regarding SwRI's or its employees' or agents' attempt
or failure to respond to discovery requests. Such evidence is unfairly prejudicial against SwRI,
and is likely to confuse the issues, and mislead the jury. FED. R. EVID. 402, 403.
GRANTED:AGREED:
17. Any comments in front of the jury referring to any discovery objections asserted
by SwRI or SwRI's refusals to produce a document or referring to any of SwRI's assertions of

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privilege from discovery. FED. R. EVID. 401, 402, 403.

GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:					
18. Any request, in the Jury's presence, that SwRI produce any document. FED. R					
EVID. 401, 402, 403.					
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:					
19. Any comments in front of the jury suggesting that SwRI or any of its officers or					
supervisors destroyed or intentionally lost personnel documents. FED. R. EVID. 401, 402, 403.					
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:					
20. Any reference or statement regarding the level of difficulty in conducting					
discovery in this matter. FED. R. EVID. 401, 402, 403.					
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:					
21. Any statement to the jury regarding the use of depositions, interrogatory answers					
and other discovery devices. Any instructions or advice as to the purpose or use of such					
discovery should be made by the Court.					
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:					
22. Any mention or evidence that SwRI is, to any extent, covered by any liability					
insurance for the damages sought in this suit or that any liability insurance carrier has been					
involved in the investigation of this suit. FED. R. EVID. 411.					
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:					
23. Any mention or evidence that the attorneys for SwRI or the law firm of Norton					
Rose Fulbright US LLP specialize in handling insurance cases or specialize in defense of					
lawsuits involving employment discrimination or retaliation claims. FED. R. EVID. 401, 402,					
403.					
GRANTED: DENIED: AGREED:					

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24.	Any evidence of or reference to Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP as a large law			
firm, referrir	g to the number of	of attorneys employe	d by or associ	iated with the firm of Norton
Rose Fulbrig	ht US LLP, or refe	erring to the power of	of Norton Rose	e Fulbright US LLP. FED. R.
EVID. 401, 4	02, 403.			
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25.	Any mention or	evidence that the at	torneys for Sw	RI or the law firm of Norton
Rose Fulbrig	ht US LLP regular	ly represent "large" o	corporations or	that they represent SwRI on a
regular basis	FED. R. EVID. 401	1, 402, 403.		
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26.	Any evidence of	or reference to the a	mount of mon	ey or time expended by SwRI
in the defens	e of this cause. Fel	D. R. EVID. 401, 402,	403.	
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27.	Any evidence of	of or reference to t	he costs or e	xpenses incurred by Wei in
connection with the prosecution of this suit. FED. R. EVID. 401, 402, 403.				
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28.	Any reference or	statement that, out o	of any award m	ade to Wei, Wei has agreed to
pay, or will	be obligated to pay	by law, any percent	age or any app	proximate or particular sum of
money to any	attorney as a fee of	or fees for handling h	is case. FED. F	R. Evid. 401, 402, 403.
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29.	Any agreement,	stipulation, or unde	rstanding from	SwRI or its counsel, in the
presence or	hearing of the jury	y or of any Juror, re	garding any n	natter that should arise either
before or du	ing the trial of the	present lawsuit. We	i should be pre	ecluded from disclosing in any

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fashion the fact that SwRI's counsel may have declined or refused to stipulate to any evidence or
matter.
GRANTED:AGREED:
30. Any attempt to explain or display to the jury any exhibit, document, or other item
requiring introduction into evidence without having first requested its admission into evidence
and received a ruling on same. FED. R. EVID. 901.
GRANTED:AGREED:
31. Any statements allegedly made by either SwRI, or its employees or agents, past or
present, which were not timely and properly produced and identified in response to discovery
propounded to Wei by SwRI. FED. R. EVID. 501; FED. R. CIV. P. 26(b).
GRANTED:AGREED:
32. Any interrogation of the Jury Panel as to how or whether any prospective juror
would answer a damage issue regardless of who pays the damages, when or if they will be paid,
or any similar version of such inquiry, as these queries improperly inject the implication of
insurance coverage into the suit. FED. R. EVID. 411.
GRANTED:AGREED:
33. Any reference or statement that this Motion in Limine has been filed. FED. R.
EVID. 402, 403.
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
34. Any evidence of or reference to any of this Court's prior rulings and motions
presented by any party prior to the trial of this cause. FED. R. EVID. 402, 403.
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:

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35. Any suggestion to the jury by testimony, argument or otherwise as to what would
have been the testimony of any witness not actually called to testify in this action. FED. R. EVID.
401, 403, 801.
GRANTED:AGREED:
36. Any evidence of or reference to the failure of any party to call a witness equally
available to all parties or present testimony from any person or witness not called to testify in
this action. This statement is excludable hearsay and unsworn testimony and thus is improper.
FED. R. EVID. 801.
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
37. Any offers to compromise or settle this claim, any negotiations concerning
settlement of this claim, and any statement to the effect that SwRI refused to settle this case.
Fed. R. Evid. 408.
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
38. Any communications between SwRI and its agents, servants, representatives or
employees from the date Wei put SwRI on notice of his lawsuit to the present, because any such
conversations or communications are privileged. FED. R. EVID. 501; FED. R. CIV. P. 26(b).
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
39. Any evidence of or reference to Wei's entitlement to any percentage of SwRI's
net worth.
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
40. Any evidence of or reference to the gross revenue of SwRI in 2011, 2012, 2013,
and 2014.
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:

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41. Any evidence of or reference to any bonus or other payment made to any SwRI				
employee as part of that employee's compensation structure. Such evidence is wholly irrelevant				
and would be greatly prejudicial to SwRI. FED. R. EVID. 402, 403.				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				
42. Any evidence of or reference to the salary of any SwRI employee other than Wei.				
Such evidence is wholly irrelevant and would be greatly prejudicial to SwRI. FED. R. EVID. 402,				
403.				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				
43. Any use of any motion pictures, photographs, diagrams, computer presentations				
(e.g., Powerpoint) or any other illustrations or reproductions of any material until such is				
produced for inspection to attorneys for SwRI outside the presence of the jury in order that				
proper objections, if any, can be made. FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a), (c).				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				
44. Any attempt to offer deposition testimony through the showing of videotaped oral				
deposition testimony or through the reading of any witness' oral deposition transcript unless and				
until the specific portions (pages/lines) of such testimony to be proffered have been identified				
outside of the presence of the jury.				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				
45. Any reference to the special questions ultimately submitted to the jury as				
"Plaintiff's questions" or "Defendants' questions," or otherwise, or similar terms to this effect.				
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:				
46. Any argument or comment to the effect that jurors should place themselves in the				
position of the plaintiff in this case in determining the amount of recovery that Wei should				

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receive in this case. FED. R. EVID. 403; Loose v. Offshore Navigation, Inc., 670 F.2d 493, 496
(5th Cir. 1982).
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
47. Any argument or comment to the effect that jurors should "do unto others as you
would have them do unto you," or should apply the golden rule. FED. R. EVID. 403; Rojas v.
Richardson, 703 F.2d 186, 191 (5th Cir. 1983).
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
48. Any evidence of or reference to an instruction or questions regarding damages or
the computation of same not disclosed by Wei to SwRI in response to discovery seeking
identification of same. Rule 37(c)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in part,
"If a party fails to provide information as required by Rule 26(a) or (e), the party is not
allowed to supply evidence at a trial, unless the failure was substantially justified or is
harmless." FED. R. CIV. P. 37(c)(1).
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
49. Any attempt to introduce evidence of, make reference to, or provide an instruction
or question regarding equitable relief, including front pay. Juries are not appropriate for the
fashioning of appropriate equitable relief under Title VII. Giles v. General Electric, Co., 245
F.3d 474, 489 n.27 (5th Cir. 2001).
GRANTED:DENIED:AGREED:
WHEREFORE, Defendant Southwest Research Institute prays that this Court consider
each of the grounds for this Motion in Limine set forth above and consider each of the requests
contained in such Motion. SwRI also prays that this Court enter such orders and issue such
instructions as may be necessary in order to protect the trial of this case and to ensure that there

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will be no mistrial by reason of passion, prejudice, or otherwise. Finally, SwRI respectfully prays for an Order of this Court sustaining same and for such other and further relief, general and special, legal and equitable, to which SwRI may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 2nd day of March, 2015, I electronically filed the foregoing instrument with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following counsel of record:

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> /s/ Mario A. Barrera Mario A. Barrera

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ORDER

Defendant Southwest Research Institute's Motion in Limine, having been timely presented after this case had been assigned but prior to the *voir dire* examination of the Jury Panel and having been duly considered in light of the pleadings and the arguments of counsel, is hereby Granted or Denied by Order of the Court as follows:

Paragraph II, subparagraph:

1.	Granted	Denied	Agreed
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3.	Granted	Denied	Agreed
4.	Granted	Denied	Agreed
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49.	Granted	Denied	Agreed	
Signed this _	day of		, 2015.	
			JUDGE ROYCE C. LAMBERTH	
			UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE	

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